



**Mary, Mother of the Church
Saintfield**

Open Sun. Tues. Wed. Thurs. 10 am – 4 pm
Mon. Fri. Sat. 10 am – 8 pm

MASS

Saturday 6:30 pm

Sunday 11:00 am

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 7:00 pm

St Joseph's Church, Carrickmannon

Open Sat & Sun 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

MASS

Sunday 9:00 am

Tuesday 10:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Before Vigil Mass on Saturday

ALTAR SOCIETY

Saintfield – Group 2

Carrickmannon – Team 1

READERS

21/22 February 2026

Vigil: David Rogers

9 am: Michael Miskelly

11 am: Brian Linden

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

21/22 Feb 2026

Vigil: Mary Rogers, Margaret Bennett

9 am: Jeannie McGreevy

11 am: Patricia McMahan

Ann Schollhammer, Donna Murray

Weekly Collection 8th Feb. £1271

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday: St Fintan

Friday: St Jacinta & Francisco Marto

The Season of Lent begins
18th February 2026



This is a day of Fast and Abstinence
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
will be offered in the church of
Mary, Mother of the Church at 7:30 pm
Ashes will also be distributed.

Throughout Lent the Church of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Carryduff
will have Mass at 7am Monday - Friday

Please remember in your prayers ++
Recently deceased: Pat McVeigh and
John Heaney.

Anniversaries: Fr Donal Kelly, Sam
Patton, John McMullan, Vera Ward,
Patrick McGreevy, William Spence,
Michael O'Grady, Martha Mullan, Betty
Hegarty and all the Holy Souls.

St Vincent de Paul Society wish to
thank everyone for their generosity over
the Christmas period. We received
donations of approx. £5000 and gave
out the same amount to support families
and people in need over Christmas. We
also wish to thank Kilmore Foodbank
who donated 26 hampers. If you need
help you can contact us via

stmochai.saintfield@sypni.co.uk

or Tel: 07521463667



11am Mass

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tells us that we must try hard not to get
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Our prayer for this week is: **Loving God,
when we do wrong and hurt others
help us to be brave and say sorry. Help
us to all live in peace together. Amen.**

Worksheets and the Kids Bulletin to
support this week's Gospel are available
in both churches. Pick up copies for your
children/grandchildren.

**Discernment Retreat for Diocesan
Priesthood - 6th–8th March 2026**

For young men who are open to the
question: **"Is God calling me to be a
priest?"** A chance to step away from the
noise and busyness of everyday life.
Time for prayer, silence, and honest
conversation. No pressure to decide
anything - just space to listen and reflect.

For more information, contact

Fr Conor McGrath

C.mcgrath@downandconor.org



Monday Social Club
Next meeting
16th February 2026
12:30 – 2 pm

Crois Dharach CLG Club
Lotto Numbers: 6 21 28 31

No Jackpot winner. Consolation prizes:
Rab Branney, Paul O'Callaghan and
Moraig Fitzpatrick **New Jackpot £8300.**
Tickets available on Klubfunder page, Oaks
Bar, Chestnut Bar, Vivo Shop, Dufferin Bar,
International & Central Bars Killyleagh.

Down and Connor Diocesan
Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026

9-14 July 5 nights - £899

8-15 July 7 nights - £1035

Youth Team - £810

For information or to request a booking
form contact: 0289077 0162
lourdes@downandconnor.org

**Divine Mercy Conference - Saturday
28th February 2026** A bus will leave St
Paul's Church, Falls Road at 7.30am
returning 10.45/11.00pm. Bus fare £25
Conference tickets to be bought at the
venue £35. Bring packed lunch. To book
call Tina McCrory 07523824350

Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ will
celebrate Mass in **St Peter's Cathedral**
on **Friday 20th February at 6:00pm.**

Chairs and members of Parish - Family
of Parishes Safeguarding Committees
are invited to attend the Mass in St
Peter's Cathedral and join with Bishop
Alan in praying for all those who have
been affected by abuse.

Lent is a time of prayer, reflection, fasting, penance, and preparation, honouring the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer. Above all it is a time of grace.

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could lead to a hardness of heart, we are called to **dive into the sea of prayer**, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience his tenderness.

Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him.

Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance.

Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need.

Lenten words of Pope Francis

Lenten Series 2026: SYCAMORE presents the Catholic Faith in a way that meets the needs of our society today. **The series consists of five sessions** focused on the renewal of faith and its relevance for all generations today. The Sycamore films - give an inspiring vision of our Catholic faith, thought-provoking testimonies that helps build a sense of Community. "A great gift from God and just what the Church needs right now"- testimony. It brings people together so they can share ideas, explore their beliefs and think about questions that really matter. You have the opportunity to come along just to listen and hopefully take something away. Evangelisation begins with an invitation. Who in your life might need this journey? Invite a friend, a family member, or someone who perhaps has been away from Church for a while. **This series is for everyone. Please come along!!!** Get away from the busyness of life and make this a commitment for Lent. A sacrifice of your time to listen and reflect. You can enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and light refreshments. **To confirm your place, please email**

norenkerr3@gmail.com or saintfield@downandconnor.org or Text 07910537398

Venue: - Sacred Heart Centre, Mary, Mother of the Church, Saintfield

Date: - Commencing Sunday 22nd February for 5 weeks - **Time:** - 6 - 7.30pm.

Catholic Mothers Ireland along with Family Solidarity, Teams of Our Lady and Marriage Encounter are holding a special event for Catholic Couples on Saturday 18th April at 7 pm in the Armagh City Hotel. An evening of connection, laughter, and faith awaits! ❤️ Mark your calendars today! Book here: <https://forms.office.com/r/bMQpjvRfET>
[#CatholicCouples](#) [#DateNight](#) [#FaithAndLove](#) [#ArmaghEvents](#) [#CouplesGoals](#)

Saintfield & Carrickmannon

Parish Bulletin

15th February 2026



I have come not to abolish the Law
of the Prophets, but to complete them.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Temperance

Fr Michael Sheehan PP 028 9081 2238

Fr Anthony McHugh PE 028 9751 0237

Email: saintfield@downandconnor.org

CHURCH CANDLES SPONSORSHIP Booklets are now available in both churches if you wish to sponsor the sanctuary candle (£5) on any week from Feb 2026 to 31st Jan 2027 in memory of family living and deceased. Candles are also available for home use. £1

Spiritual Exercises: 5 Day Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men - Led by Benedictine monks from St. Joseph Abbey, in France. Starts Thursday 30th April (3pm). Benburb Priory, Co. Tyrone €450 (all meals & single room included). Daily Mass - Ordinary Form (Latin & ad orientem). Discover the strength that only comes when you stop running and let God speak. Book at: <https://soutenir.clairval.com/retreat-benburb-priory>

Marriage Enrichment Weekend, is scheduled to take place from **Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd March 2026** at **St. Mary's Retreat Centre, Knock, Co. Mayo**. Marriage Enrichment has, for many years, supported married couples in their Sacrament of Matrimony by offering them a sacred space to deepen their relationship, renew their commitment, and grow together through reflection, prayer, and dialogue. To book visit: www.marriageencounter.ie

**North Down Museum Bangor
Saturday 7th February**

Enjoy a demonstration of St Brigid Cross Making and using the materials provided make your own cross. For more info visit <https://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com/whats-on/celtic-saints-a-journey-through-time-and-tradition-p948071>

All bookings for Mass, Month Minds, Anniversaries, Baptisms and Weddings are now to be made through the Parish Office or Parish email address at: saintfield@downandconnor.org. Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 11.00am -1.00pm. Please use the Parish Email outside of Office Hours and we will respond as soon as possible.

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Sunday 15 February - 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Our prayer for this week is: Loving God, when we do wrong and hurt others help us to be brave and say sorry. Help us to all live in peace together. Amen.

Copies of our colouring page and worksheets are available in the church and here is a link to <https://thekidsbulletin.com> which is also worth reading.

Sunday 22 February - 1st Sunday of Lent

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https://sermons4kids.com/storage/26236/temptation_of_christ_bulletin-pdf.pdf

Hello children. In today's gospel, we hear about how Jesus spent 40 days in the desert and how, at the end of this time when he was tired and hungry, he was tempted with offers of bread, power and glory.

Lent is a time when we try to turn back to God. We say sorry for the things that we have done wrong and we try to make a change to live as God wants us to. This is not always easy, but God's love is there to give us strength to make better choices, and the people who love us are there to support us too.

This Lent, let's think about how we can make good choices – just like Jesus did in the desert – even when we find it hard.

Our prayer for this week is: Christ Jesus, give us strength as we try to make the right choices and live as you ask us to. Guide us so that we may also offer support to those who are finding things tough. Amen.

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Sent from my iPad

